## FINAL APPROVED

## VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE FORMAL HEARING MINUTES

Friday, August 6, 2010

**Department of Health Professions** 

Henrico, Virginia

Perimeter Center

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300

CALL TO ORDER:

A panel of the Board was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen E. Heretick, M.D., Chair

Sandra A. Bell, M.D. Claudette Dalton, M.D. Valerie L. Hoffman, D.C. Stuart Mackler, M.D. Jane Piness, M.D.

**BOARD COUNSEL:** 

Amy Marschean, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

Renée S. Dixson, Discipline Case Manager

COURT REPORTER:

Lynn Taylor, [Farnsworth and Taylor Reporting]

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH:

James Schliessmann, Assistant Attorney General

Virginia Scher, Adjudication Specialist

RESPONDENT

Rabbi Abraham Blum

WITNESS:

Captain Lydia C. Soto-Torres, M.D.

Robert J. Paeglow, M.D. Admiral Duane Alexander

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Antonia C. Novello, M.D.

License No.: 0101-025920

Case No.: 132035

**DISCUSSION:** 

Dr. Novello appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated July 21, 2010, after having waived her right to thirty days notice prior to the convening of this proceeding. She was

represented by Mark B. Sandground, Sr., Esquire.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from witnesses called by the parties and Dr. Novello regarding the

matters as set forth in the Statement of Particulars.

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Mackler, and duly seconded by Dr. Bell, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to \$2.2-3711.A(27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Novello. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Marschean, Ms. Deschenes, and Ms. Dixson attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** 

Upon a motion by Dr. Mackler, and duly seconded by Dr. Bell, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to reinstate the license of Dr. Novello to a full and unrestricted status.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decisions of this formal hearing panel.

Stephen E. Heretick, J.D., Chair

William L., Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Date

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